

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TOURS

Community Sanitation Division, 2101 G Street, Building E

Telephone: (559) 621-1447

Tour description: You will be taken into the field to observe the Operation Clean Up Program (one of our most popular programs) in action. The program is designed to assist city residents in the removal of excess trash, rubbish, and other bulky goods such as stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, sofas, etc.

Tour offered: by appointment
Time offered: no specific start time
Length of tour: approximately 2 hours
Group size: up to five people
Comments: non-slip, closed-toe shoes required

Sewer Maintenance Division, 2101 G Street, Building C

Telephone: (559) 621-1496

Tour description: Tour begins with a PowerPoint presentation on the history of sewers dating back to the Romans, followed by a tour into the field to observe crews flushing a sewerline and a stop at a sewer liftstation.

Tour offered: second Wednesday of the month, quarterly, call to schedule your tour date
Time offered: 9:00 am
Length of tour: approximately 3 hours
Group size: up to 20 people
Comments: non-slip, closed-toe shoes required

Solid Waste Management Division, 1325 El Dorado Street

Telephone: (559) 621-1811

Tour description: Tour begins with a PowerPoint presentation on the operations of the Division, followed by a tour of several facilities in the field by mini-van. The first stop is the Transfer Station to see how incoming garbage from trucks is reloaded into larger transfer hauling vehicles, while also sorting for recyclable material. The next stop is the Sunset Recycling Center where you will learn how recyclable material is sorted and prepared for marketing. The last stop is West Coast Waste, one of our green waste facilities, to learn how grass and tree trimmings are converted to compost.

Tour offered: quarterly, call to schedule your tour date
Time offered: 9:00 am
Length of tour: 2 1/2 hours
Group size: up to 15 people
Comments: non-slip, closed-toe shoes required

Wastewater Management Division, 5607 West Jensen Avenue**Telephone:** (559) 621-5100

Tour description: Tour the 3,300-acre facility and see our high-tech processes to treat wastewater so it can be returned safely to the environment for reclamation and reuse. This tour promises to be more interesting than one would guess.

Tour offered: first Wednesday of each month, call to schedule your tour date

Time offered: 10:00 am

Length of tour: approximately 1 ½ hours

Group size: any size

Comments: non-slip, closed-toe shoes required

Water Division, 1910 East University Avenue**Telephone:** (559) 621-5300

Tour description: This tour starts at the Water Division followed by a field tour via mini-van. The tour ends back at the Water Yard with a PowerPoint presentation. You will learn why water is power and how valuable this resource really is.

Tour offered: first Tuesday of each month, call to schedule your tour date

Time offered: 8:00 am

Length of tour: 4 hours

Group size: up to 5 people

Comments: non-slip, closed-toe shoes required

As a separate tour, you may also ask to tour our Surface Water Treatment Plant. This is a 45-minute tour offered anytime by appointment; any group size welcomed.